

PROJECT TITLE: LRP PROJECT STATUS PROJECT

Project Rationalization:

The Long-Range Planning Subcommittee (LRP) makes project appropriations for most large capital projects. Included are statewide project appropriations for new state buildings and additions to state buildings, through the Long-Range Building Program (LRBP), purchases, upgrades, and maintenance of state lands, through the Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP) capital program, and major information technology (IT) projects for state government, through the Long-Range Information Technology Program (LRITP). During the legislative sessions, members of the LRP are informed of the status of projects appropriated in prior biennia, but during the interim legislators are typically only made aware of the status of those projects covered in the news media. The development of a “tool” to track the progress, or status, of major capital projects would serve to keep the legislature informed of the status of the capital projects.

Another function of the LRP is to approve grants to communities for specific purposes. Again, the staff of the grants programs informs the LRP of the status of grants during the legislative session, but during the interim the status is generally only known by the legislators whose constituents will receive or have received the grants. A similar tool could be developed to track the status of the various grant awards.

Creating status “tools” for the projects approved in the LRP would provide a method to keep legislators informed on the projects in their area. The status reports could be considered components of the performance management budgeting project, currently being conducted by the LFC. Additionally, the status reports could be updated every three months, consistent with the performance management reports.

Mission:

This mission of this project is to create project status tracking tools for the capital projects and grants appropriated and authorized through the LRP.

Goals:

The goal of this project is to better inform the legislature of the status of LRP capital projects, beginning in the 2007 interim, by developing a tool that would provide benchmark evaluations of the project status.

Objectives:

The objectives of this project are to compile the required information which would include gathering the project lists approved in the last two biennia (along with those projects that have not yet been completed from earlier biennia), locating the representative or spokes persons for the projects to discuss the plans, determining the appropriate status benchmarks to rank the progress of the projects, and developing a status report that would be efficient and informative. If this project goes forward, more specific objectives will be developed.